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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT 12 HON. CAROLYN B. KUHL, JUDGE

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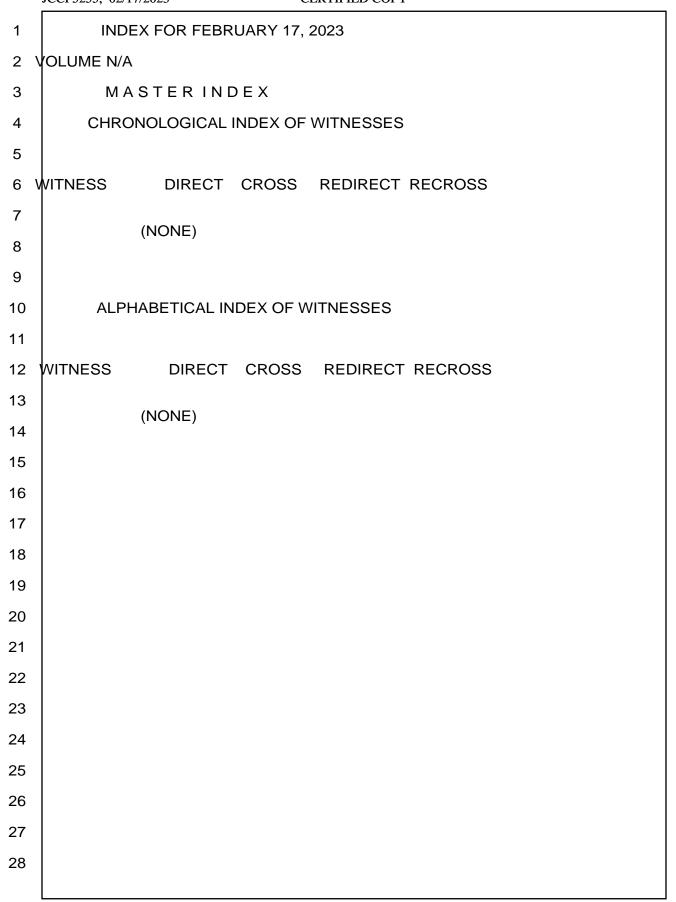
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1	Ν	ICROPHONE BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY PEOPLE ONLINE WILL	
2	H	EAR.	
3		I'M SORRY, PEOPLE ON COURTCONNECT, I FORGOT	
4	T	O UNMUTE MY VIDEO. NOW IT'S UNMUTED. YOU CAN SEE ME.	
5		MR. PANISH.	
6		MR. PANISH: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. BRIAN	
7	P	ANISH FOR THE PLAINTIFFS.	
8		MR. BERGMAN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. MATTHEW	
9	В	ERGMAN, SOCIAL MEDIA VICTIMS LAW CENTER, FOR THE	
10	F	PLAINTIFFS.	
11		MR. KIESEL: YOUR HONOR, PAUL KIESEL FOR THE	
12	F	PLAINTIFFS AS WELL.	
13		THE COURT: OKAY. I'M GLAD TO HEAR APPEARANCES	
14	F	ROM ANYBODY ELSE. I MEAN, WE HAVE YOUR CARDS. BUT,	
15	1	NYBODY WANTS TO STATE YOUR APPEARANCE, VERY GLAD TO HE	AR
16	F	ROM YOU.	
17		MS. MCCONNELL: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.	
18	ľ	MARIANA MCCONNELL FROM KIESEL LAW.	
19		MS. GARRETT: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. LAURA	
20	ľ	MARQUEZ GARRETT FROM SOCIAL MEDIA VICTIMS LAW CENTER.	
21		THE COURT: ANYBODY ELSE APPEAR AT THIS POINT?	
22		MS. HAZAM: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. LEXI	
23	ł	HAZAM OF LIEFF CABRASER HEIMANN BERNSTEIN FOR THE	
24	F	PLAINTIFFS.	
25		THE COURT: AND YOU CAN USE THE MIDDLE AS WELL.	
26		MS. MCNABB: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. KELLY	
27		MCNABB FOR THE PLAINTIFFS.	
28		MS. ESKIN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. AMY ESKIN	

- 1 OF SCHNEIDER WALLACE COTTRELL KONECKY FOR PLAINTIFF.
- 2 | THE COURT: OKAY. WE HAVE EVERYBODY ELSE'S
- 3 APPEARANCES.
- 4 | I'LL HEAR FROM DEFENDANTS THEN.
- 5 MS. SIMONSEN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. ASHLEY
- 6 SIMONSEN OF COVINGTON BURLING FOR THE META DEFENDANTS.
- 7 MR. SCHMIDT: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. PAUL
- 8 SCHMIDT OF COVINGTON BURLING FOR THE META DEFENDANTS.
- 9 MR. CHIOU: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
- 10 CHRISTOPHER CHIOU WITH WILSON SONSINI FOR GOOGLE,
- 11 ALPHABET, AND YOUTUBE.
- 12 MS. LADDON: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. TARIFA
- 13 LADDON WITH FAEGRE DRINKER FOR TIKTOK AND BYTEDANCE.
- 14 MR. BLAVIN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. JONATHAN
- 15 BLAVIN FROM MUNGER TOLLES FOR DEFENDANTS SNAP.
- 16 MR. BLASCHKE: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
- 17 MATTHEW BLASCHKE WITH KING & SPALDING FOR TIKTOK AND
- 18 BYTEDANCE.
- 19 AND I AM JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUE JEFF DRAKE,
- 20 WHO HAS A PRO HAC APPLICATION.
- 21 MR. DRAKE: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
- 22 | MS. DEGTYAREVA: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
- 23 VICTORIA DEGTYAREVA FROM MUNGER TOLLES & OLSON ALSO ON
- 24 BEHALF THE DEFENDANT SNAP.
- 25 THE COURT: OKAY. I KNOW THAT EVERYBODY ONLINE
- 26 HAS GIVEN YOUR APPEARANCES TO THE CLERK, AND SO, I'M NOT
- 27 GOING TO HAVE EVERYBODY REPEAT THEM BECAUSE SOMETIMES
- 28 IT'S HARD TO DO THAT ALL IN ORDER. PEOPLE IN THE

1	QOURTROOM KNOW YOU'RE THERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE STATED YOUR
2	APPEARANCES IN FRONT OF THEM.
3	COUPLE OF HINTS. IF YOU CAN'T HEAR FOLKS
4	AT ANY POINT, BE SURE TO SPEAK UP. IF YOU'RE TRYING TO
5	SPEAK UP AND YOU FEEL LIKE WE'RE NOT HEARING YOU, THERE
6	MAY BE A TECHNICAL ISSUE. PUT SOMETHING IN THE CHAT.
7	THAT'S A WAY TO REACH OUT AND SAY SOMETHING'S GOING WRONG
8	TECHNICALLY.
9	AND IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH BEING ON
10	MUTE
11	WHAT IS IT, MISS MIRO?
12	STAR 6. OKAY.
13	ALL RIGHT. THOSE ARE THE PRELIMINARIES.
14	YOU CAN BE SEATED UNLESS YOU'RE ADDRESSING
15	THE COURT. REMEMBER TO USE THE MICROPHONES.
16	AND FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT
17	EVERYONE ON YOUR ON THE REPORT, THE VERY FINE REPORT,
18	YOU PROVIDED ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION. THAT WAS VERY GOOD.
19	ND YOU APPEAR TO BE IN A REASONABLY CIVIL AND
20	CONSTRUCTIVE MODE IN DEALING WITH EACH OTHER ON
21	PROCEDURAL ISSUES, AND THE COURT APPRECIATES THAT.
22	FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN OUR
23	COMPLEX COURTS OR MAYBE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE VERY OFTEN,
24	JUST LET ME GIVE YOU A BIT OF AN INTRODUCTION.
25	WE HAVE WE HAVE GOALS IN OUR COMPLEX
26	COURT PROGRAM. THEY ARE IN CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT
27	3.400. AND THEY ARE, NUMBER ONE, TO MOVE CASES TO
28	RESOLUTION; NUMBER TWO, TO REDUCE LITIGATION COSTS TO THE

1	EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR THE PARTIES; AND NUMBER THREE, TO
2	IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DECISIONMAKING FOR COUNSEL FOR THE
3	CLIENTS, FOR JURIES ULTIMATELY, AND FOR THE COURT.
4	SO, THAT LAST ONE IS A LITTLE BIT NEBULOUS,
5	BUT IT MEANS TO ME THAT I AM ALWAYS TRYING TO CREATE AN
6	EVEN PROCEDURAL PLAYING FIELD SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN MAKE
7	THEIR BEST ARGUMENTS ON THE MERITS. OKAY?
8	AND IN TRYING TO REDUCE LITIGATION COSTS,
9	WE TRY TO GET AS SOON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO CORE
10	FACTUAL ISSUES AND CORE LEGAL ISSUES. AND THAT, IN
11	GENERAL, WILL FURTHER EARLY RESOLUTION OF CASES.
12	SO, YOU KNOW, THE MDL JUDGES DON'T DO IT
13	VERY DIFFERENTLY. BUT, WE APPLY THOSE PRINCIPLES SORT OF
14	CROSS THE BOARD IN WHAT WE DO IN OUR COMPLEX PROGRAM.
15	WE ALSO, SPECIFIC TO OUR CALIFORNIA COURTS,
16	HAVE ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE DISCLOSURES IN
17	\$ITUATIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE RECUSAL BUT THAT MAY BE
18	THINGS THAT COUNSEL WISH TO KNOW ABOUT THE COURT'S
19	RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN LITIGATION.
20	SO, I HAVE KIND OF A LIST HERE. MOST OF
21	YOU WHO MOST OF YOU WILL KNOW, WHO LOOK THINGS UP,
22	THAT I WAS A PARTNER AT MUNGER TOLLES & OLSON 27 YEARS
23	GO. UNBELIEVABLE. 27 YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME MISS
24	KRISTIN LINSLEY, WHO'S BEEN ON THE PAPERS, WAS MY
25	PARTNER.
26	GIBSON DUNN & CRUTCHER WAS MY HUSBAND'S LAW
27	FIRM 24 YEARS AGO.
28	I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BAR ACTIVITIES WITH

1	A NUMBER OF THE PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL IN THESE CASES:
2	MR. KIESEL WITH LA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION; MR. CONNIFF,
3	WHOSE NAME I SAW ON THE PAPERS, ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF
4	HE'S ON, IS I WAS ACTIVE WITH HIM IN THE AMERICAN LAW
5	INSTITUTE AGGREGATE LITIGATION PROJECT. AND HE WAS JUST
6	ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE.
7	MISS HASAM'S PARTNER MISS CABRASER WAS PART
8	F THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE COUNCIL AND THE FEDERAL
9	RULES STANDING COMMITTEE.
10	MR. PANISH WAS LEAD COUNSEL IN SOCAL GAS
11	¢ASES, WHICH ARE APPROACHING RESOLUTION, WITH MANY
12	COMPLICATED ISSUES SURROUNDING THE SETTLEMENT, AS WELL AS
13	MR. CREED, WHO MADE A LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO ORGANIZING
14	THINGS.
15	AND MR. CREED CAME FROM MUNGER TOLLES AND
16	OLSON TOO ALTHOUGH NOT WHEN I WAS THERE.
17	AND I ALSO SERVED WITH JUDGE GONZALES
18	ROGERS ON THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE, SO, I
19	CONSIDER HER A FRIEND.
20	I MAY BE MISSING SOME CONNECTIONS, BUT
21	THOSE ARE THE PRINCIPLE ONES. SO, JUST SO YOU KNOW.
22	SO, WE'LL START MORE OR LESS IN THE ORDER
23	THAT YOU HAVE THINGS IN THE REPORT, ALTHOUGH I'LL GO OUT
24	OF ORDER A LITTLE BIT AT SOME POINTS.
25	SO, YOU HAVE GOT A PROPOSED ADD-ON ORDER
26	THAT IS EXHIBIT B.
27	AND ON MY REVIEW OF IT, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH
28	THESE ARE CASES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN COORDINATED. I

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24 EXHIBIT B TO ADD ON THOSE CASES.

25 WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL CASES, DO YOU -
26 DO PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL HAVE ANY

27 QUANTIFICATION OR TIME FRAME ON THOSE?

28 MS. KIESEL: YOUR HONOR, PAUL KIESEL.

1	THE ANTICIPATION IS THERE WILL BE A
2	SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CASES COMING ONLINE.
3	HAVING A PROCESS TO BRING THEM INTO THIS COURT, WE'D LIKE
4	TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHETHER YOU WANT DIRECT FILING OR
5	HAVE IT FILED IN THE COUNTY WHICH IT WOULD OTHERWISE BE
6	FILED AND HAVE IT TRANSFERRED DOWN.
7	I DON'T KNOW THE COURT'S THOUGHTS ON THOSE.
8	BUT, THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE
9	THE COURT: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SIGNIFICANT
10	NUMBER, MR. KIESEL?
11	MR. KIESEL: FAIR ENOUGH, YOUR HONOR.
12	I MEAN, I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATUS
13	CONFERENCE REPORT, IT GAVE YOU THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES
14	CROSS THE COUNTRY. IT'S 183 CASES; BUT, THE NUMBER OF
15	FOLKS INVOLVED IS OBVIOUSLY SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN
16	THAT.
17	SO, MY EXPECTATION IS THAT THAT NUMBER WILL
18	BE DOUBLED, IF NOT MORE THAN THAT, IN THE FORESEEABLE
19	FUTURE. A LOT WILL DEPEND, OF COURSE, WHAT HAPPENS IN
20	THE FUTURE. BUT, I THINK THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE A LARGER
21	NUMBER OF CASES THAN WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN THE JCCP
22	¢URRENTLY.
23	THE COURT: FOR NOW THE WAY I LIKE TO ADD CASES ON
24	IS THROUGH STATUS CONFERENCE REPORTS. OKAY?
25	SO, IF YOU WOULD AS THEY ARE FILED AS
26	THEY ARE FILED IN LA, THEY LIKELY IF THE COMPLEX BOX
27	IS CHECKED, THEY WILL FIND THEIR WAY HERE.
28	IF THEY'RE FILED IN OTHER COURT IN OTHER

1	OURTS AND THEY SHOULD BE FILED IN THE COUNTY WHERE
2	VENUE IS PROPER THEY YOU ALL WILL KNOW ABOUT THEM
3	AND WILL YOU WILL MENTION THEM IN STATUS REPORTS AND
4	WE'LL ADD THEM ON THAT WAY.
5	IF THAT MAKES SENSE.
6	MR. KIESEL: THAT'S PERFECT. WE'LL WORK WITH
7	DEFENSE COUNSEL, WHO LIKELY WILL HAVE FIRST NOTICE OF
8	SOME OF THOSE FILINGS, AND WE WILL PREPARE A REPORT FOR
9	THE COURT AT EACH STATUS CONFERENCE.
10	IF THERE IS A LAWYER THAT DOESN'T KNOW
11	BOUT THE JCCP AND THEY FILE IN AN ALTERNATIVE COUNTY, WE
12	WILL REACH OUT TO THEM AND BRING IT BEFORE THE COURT.
13	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE.
14	THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE PATH WHICH I THINK
15	WOULD BE MORE TROUBLE FOR YOU ALL, BUT WE CAN TALK ABOUT
16	THAT NEXT TIME. OKAY?
17	SOUNDS GOOD.
18	SO, I NOTED THAT YOU DID NOT OBJECT TO MY
19	COMMUNICATING WITH JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS, SO, I WILL
20	THEREFORE FEEL FREE TO DO THAT. SHE DID SEND ME SOME OF
21	HER EARLY ORDERS, SO, I HAVE THOSE. I WILL REFER TO
22	THOSE A LITTLE BIT LATER.
23	I AM SIGNING OR WILL SIGN THE ORDER FOR
24	\$ERVICE VIA CASEANYWHERE AND SERVICE AND FILING BY
25	¢ASEANYWHERE.
26	SO, FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR,
27	CASEANYWHERE HAS A MESSAGE BOARD FEATURE ON IT. AND IN
28	OUR COMPLEX COURTS, WE ALLOW AND ENCOURAGE COUNSEL TO

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MUST INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT

2.550, WHICH GOVERNS DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED UNDER SEAL
WITH THE COURT.
WE HAVE RATHER STRICTER RULES THAN THE

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FEDERAL COURTS DO WITH REGARD TO THINGS THAT GET FILED IN THE COURT. AND, SO, I WILL REQUIRE THAT THE PROTECTIVE ORDER THAT GOVERNS THIS CASE HAVE PARAGRAPHS IN IT THAT REFER TO THOSE RULES AND THAT WILL SAY THAT COUNSEL WILL FOLLOW THOSE RULES.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, THERE IS ON THE LA

SUPERIOR COURT COMPLEX COURT'S WEBSITE TWO FORM

1	PROTECTIVE ORDERS THAT WE RECOMMEND. THEY WERE DRAFTED
2	BY A COMMITTEE OF ONE OF OUR FORMER JUDGES TOGETHER WITH
3	COMMITTEE OF COUNSEL ON BOTH SIDES OF THE V. THERE ARE
4	TWO DIFFERENT TYPES. AND MANY, MANY TIMES IT IS
5	SUFFICIENT.
6	YOU HAVE GOT SOME SPECIAL ISSUES HERE, SO,
7	IT MAY NOT BE TOTALLY SUFFICIENT. BUT, AT LEAST WITH
8	REGARD TO THE CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT 2.500, ET SEQ.,
9	I\$SUES YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE THOSE PARAGRAPHS OUT
10	ND USE IT.
11	OKAY SO FAR?
12	ALL RIGHT. HERE IS AN ISSUE THAT I DID NOT
13	RAISE IN THE ORDER SETTING UP THIS INITIAL STATUS
14	CONFERENCE. AND IT HAS TO DO WITH DOE PARTIES.
15	NOW, WE DON'T HAVE DOE PARTIES IN THESE
16	¢ASES, BUT WE HAVE PARTIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED BY
17	INITIALS. SO, THEY ARE PSEUDOMONAS IF YOU PLEASE.
18	THERE IS A REALLY RECENT CALIFORNIA COURT
19	OF APPEAL CASE THAT REQUIRES THE COURT TO GRANT
20	PERMISSION TO PROCEED UNDER PSEUDONYM. I AM GLAD TO
21	PROCEED UNDER
22	SEUDONYMS GIVEN THE ALLEGATIONS HERE ABOUT
23	MENTAL/EMOTIONAL HEALTH.
24	BUT, WHAT I WOULD LIKE LEADERSHIP COUNSEL
25	TO DO IS TO PRESENT AN APPROPRIATE ORDER FOR MY SIGNATURE
26	\$0 I CAN JUST HAVE A BLANKET RULE ON THAT AND WE WON'T
27	HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
28	THE APPELLATE CASE TALKS ABOUT THE SORT OF,
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28 MINUTE.

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OKAY. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PLEADINGS A

AND BECAUSE PRETTY OBVIOUSLY IF WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE A MASTER COMPLAINT AND INDIVIDUAL JOINDERS
WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO HAVE THAT ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE WE
OAN MOVE FORWARD WITH PLEADING CHALLENGES.
BUT, EVERYBODY IS OKAY WITH THE CONCEPT OF
A MASTER COMPLAINT ON THE PLAINTIFFS' SIDE?
MR. VANZANDT: JOSEPH VANZANDT.
YES, YOUR HONOR.
THE COURT: SO, JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS ORDERED
MASTER COMPLAINTS BE FILED BY FEBRUARY 14 IN THE MDL.
DID THAT HAPPEN?
MR. VANZANDT: YES, YOUR HONOR. THAT HAPPENED.
THE COURT: GOOD.
WERE THERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT THAT WE
\$HOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HERE?
MR. VANZANDT: NOT FROM PLAINTIFFS' PERSPECTIVE.
THE COURT: OKAY.
MS. SCHMIDT: PAUL SCHMIDT FOR META.
FROM THE DEFENSE PERSPECTIVE, WE ARE
CURRENTLY LOOKING AT HOW THE COMPLAINT TRACKS TO THE
MOTION PRACTICE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ON THE COMPLAINT
WE HAVE GOT ANOTHER CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WITH JUDGE
GONZALES ROGERS ON THE 3RD THAT WE WILL BE WORKING SOME
OF THOSE QUESTIONS OUT IN TERMS OF LIMITATIONS AND HOW
SHE SET UP THE PLEADING PROCESS.
BUT, IN TERMS OF THE COMPLAINT ITSELF, WE
HAVEN'T RAISED ISSUES. WE'RE NOW IN THE SHORT FORM
COMPLAINT PROCESS.

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PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUES IN THE MDL. WOULD YOUR HONOR

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14 | THE COURT: SO, BRING IT IN AND LODGE IT IN HARD

15 COPY THEN. OKAY?

16 MR. KIESEL: AND YOUR HONOR, JUST FOLLOWING UP,

17 THE MDL IS PREPARED TO OFFER THE COURT AN EMAIL DIRECT OF

18 THE NON-REDACTED VERSION OF THE COMPLAINT IF THE COURT

19 WANTS TO HAVE THAT.

20 | THE COURT: THAT'S FINE.

21 OR YOU CAN BRING IT IN HARD COPY. YOU CAN

22 USE CASEANYWHERE TO LET ME KNOW WHAT'S COMING IN AND HOW.

23 **KAY?** THAT WILL BE GOOD.

24 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

25 SO -- AND DID YOU DO A FORM -- I THINK

26 MAYBE THE SCHEDULE WAS SUCH THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A FORMAT

27 FOR THE INDIVIDUAL JOINDERS.

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IS THAT CORRECT?

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24 THEM AS THEY COME ALONG.

25 THE COURT: OKAY. OKAY.

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SO, WHAT DO YOU -- WHAT DO YOU -- HOW DO

27 YOU FEEL ABOUT SHOWING A DRAFT MASTER COMPLAINT TO

28 DEFENDANTS BEFORE YOU SAY "THIS IS OUR MASTER COMPLAINT"?

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23 THE COURT: OKAY. I SEE. I DON'T REQUIRE THAT.

IF WE AGREE WE'RE GOING TO DO SHORT FORM

25 COMPLAINTS, IT CAN BE FILED AS A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT.

26 AND EVERY CASE DOESN'T REQUIRE AN ORDER.

27 MR. SCHMIDT: YOUR HONOR, IF I MAY. PAUL SCHMIDT

28 FOR META.

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19 SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS ARE, OF COURSE, AN

EXCEPTION TO THE NORMAL PLEADING PROCESS, AND THEY END UP 20

21 SERVING A REALLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY

22 TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CASES ARE ABOUT, WHAT THE CLAIMS

23 BEING ALLEGED ARE, WHAT SPECIFIC --

24 THE COURT: I AM NOT UNFAMILIAR WITH SHORT FORM

25 COMPLAINTS.

26 MR. SCHMIDT: SO, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A

PRETTY VIGOROUS DISCUSSION ON THAT IN THE MDL, AND WE 27

28 WELCOME THAT HERE AS WELL.

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20 SO, I'M TRYING TO THINK WITH RESPECT TO

21 REDACTIONS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO APPROVE THOSE UNDER

22 QUR -- UNDER OUR RULES OF COURT.

THERE.

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23 SO, PROBABLY THE WAY IT WILL HAPPEN IS THAT

24 PLAINTIFFS WILL FILE IT -- WILL FILE REDACTED FORM AND A

25 FORM UNDER -- A REDACTED FORM AND AN UNREDACTED FORM

26 ΨNDER SEAL, WHICH IS WHAT'S REQUIRED; AND THEN WITHIN TEN

27 PAYS DEFENDANTS HAVE TO BRING A MOTION TO SAY WHY THOSE

28 REDACTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE UNDER OUR RULES. OKAY?

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1 COORDINATED CASE. I HAD A GROUP OF ABOUT 780 PLAINTIFFS,

- 2 WOMEN WHO ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- 3 BETWEEN 1980 AND ITHINK IT WAS 2015. THERE WAS A
- 4 GYNECOLOGIST THERE WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS ABUSING AND SEXUALLY
- 5 ASSAULTING THESE WOMEN. AND IT OCCURRED OVER DECADES.
- 6 HENCE, 780 CASES.
- 7 THE -- SO, WE DID HAVE A MASTER COMPLAINT
- 8 IN THAT CASE AND INDIVIDUAL ALLEGATIONS, WHICH,
- 9 OBVIOUSLY, WERE VERY IMPORTANT IN THOSE CASES.
- 10 BUT, WE HAD ISSUES OF -- AROUND -- AROUND
- 11 \$EALING DOCUMENTS FOR PRIVACY, ET CETERA.
- 12 AND, AGAIN, I'LL BRING UP AN ISSUE A LITTLE
- 13 BIT LATER ABOUT WHERE I THINK THAT CASE MIGHT BE
- 14 INSTRUCTIVE.
- 15 SO, BEYOND THE PLEADINGS -- BEYOND THE
- 16 COMPLAINTS, FOR THE PLEADING CHALLENGES I WOULD LIKE THE
- 17 PLEADING CHALLENGES TO BE BASED ON A COMPLETE COMPLAINT.
- 18 THE MASTER COMPLAINT PLUS A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT.
- 19 AND FOR THAT PURPOSE I WOULD SUGGEST THAT
- 20 THE PLAINTIFFS PICK OUT ONE, TWO, OR THREE COMPLAINTS AND
- 21 TELL DEFENDANTS "THESE WOULD BE THE COMPLETE COMPLAINTS
- 22 THAT WE WOULD PROFFER FOR PURPOSES OF A CHALLENGE ON THE
- 23 PLEADINGS."
- 24 BECAUSE THERE IS JUST TOO MANY ISSUES THAT
- 25 ¢OULD OVERLAP TO -- YOU KNOW, LATER ON WE'RE GOING TO
- 26 HEAR ABOUT CAUSATION. BUT, CAUSATION RELATES TO, YOU
- 27 KNOW, THE FIRST AMENDMENT. I CAN'T ENVISION HOW WE COULD
- 28 GET CAUGHT UP ON IT, BUT I'M AFRAID WE WILL BE CAUGHT UP

1	WITH REPETITIVE ARGUMENTS IF WE DON'T TAKE ON A COMPLETE
2	OMPLAINT.
3	FURTHER, I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE DO THIS
4	ONE TIME AND THAT WE HAVE ALL OF THE DEFENDANTS'
5	ARGUMENTS IN THE DEMURRER OR MOTION TO STRIKE OR BOTH IF
6	THERE IS A MOTION TO STRIKE.
7	AS TO THE DEFENDANTS' PLEADINGS, I DON'T
8	WANT REPETITIVE PLEADINGS. YOU WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED AT
9	THAT. SO, I WILL WANT YOU REQUIRE YOU TO ORGANIZE
10	OURSELVES SO THAT I GET ONE BRIEF THAT IS A TOTAL BRIEF
11	ON EVERY PART OF THE DEMURRER YOU KNOW, EVERY ISSUE
12	YOU'RE RAISING IN THE DEMURRER.
13	AND THEN IF A PARTICULAR DEFENDANT HAS A
14	PARTICULAR ISSUE IN THE WAY THAT EVEN 230 PRESENTS
15	ITSELF, I WOULD ACCEPT BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO
16	HAVE TO BE JUDICIOUS HERE I WOULD ACCEPT A
17	\$UPPLEMENTAL BRIEF FROM A PARTY. OKAY?
18	BUT, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR I DON'T WANT
19	TO HAVE MULTIPLE BRIEFS WHERE I HEAR ABOUT THE THREE
20	ELEMENTS OF THE TEXT OF 2030(C)(1).
21	NO. NO. NO. WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK
22	BOUT THAT THREE TIMES.
23	BUT IF THERE IS A PARTICULAR MANIFESTATION
24	OF A LEGAL ARGUMENT THAT APPLIES IN A DIFFERENT WAY TO A
25	DEFENDANT, I AM OPEN OPEN TO SOME SUPPLEMENTATION.
26	FURTHER, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE
27	OUT IF THE PLAINTIFFS PICK THREE COMPLAINTS, THREE
28	TOTAL COMPLAINT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT

1	WHETHER THERE ARE ANY DIFFERENT ARGUMENTS THAT YOU HAVE
2	WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THOSE THREE. HOPEFULLY NOT. THAT
3	WOULD BE GREAT IF THERE WERE NO DIFFERENT ARGUMENTS. BUT
4	IF THERE ARE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO
5	PRESENT TO PRESENT THOSE.
6	I'M FIGURING WITH THREE WE CAN FIGURE OUT
7	IF THERE IS A PROBLEM THAT'S GOING TO CUT ACROSS THE REST
8	F THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS. HOPEFULLY NOT. BUT, IF
9	THERE ARE, HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE THAT OUT.
10	OKAY. PROBLEMS WITH THAT GENERAL CONCEPT?
11	MR. CREED: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS JESSE CREED. A
12	QUESTION ON THAT.
13	WE CAN TALK TO DEFENSE BEFORE WE DISCUSS IT
14	HERE; BUT, IN TERMS OF PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION, WOULD YOU
15	EXPECT US TO FILE A SINGLE OPPOSITION, OR WOULD YOU WANT
16	IT TO CORRELATE TO EACH DEFENDANTS' BRIEF?
17	THE COURT: GOOD QUESTION.
18	I THINK IT SHOULD CORRELATE TO EACH BRIEF.
19	THINK THAT WILL BE EASIER. SO, YOU'LL HAVE SOME KIND
20	OF MASTER OPPOSITION, AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE A SEPARATELY
21	FILED OPPOSITION.
22	THAT WAY I CAN STACK THEM UP UNDERNEATH
23	EACH OTHER AND FIND THE ARGUMENTS THAT PERTAIN TO EACH
24	φτher.
25	MR. SCHMIDT: THE ONLY THING ON THE DEFENSE SIDE,
26	YOUR HONOR PAUL SCHMIDT AGAIN FOR META IS JUST IF
27	WE COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN THEY PICK THEIR
28	THREE COMPLAINTS, IF WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER THERE

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JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS IS OPEN TO SITTING

WITH THE FEDERAL COURT.

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1	TOGETHER, HERSELF AND MYSELF, TO HEAR THESE MOTIONS OR A
2	MAYBE JUST TO HEAR THE SECTION 230 MOTION. I AM OPEN TO
3	IT; BUT, I DON'T WANT TO FORCE IT ON PEOPLE.
4	SO, WHEN IT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST IN
5	MDL AND COORDINATED CASES, THE STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES
6	HAVE SAT IN ONE LOCATION, HAVE HEARD ARGUMENT FROM BOTH
7	SIDES, AND THEN HAVE DECIDED INDEPENDENTLY.
8	SO, YOU DON'T GET SOME KIND OF EN BANC OF,
9	YOU KNOW, STATE AND FEDERAL COURT JUDGES SHARING THEIR
10	THINKING WITH EACH OTHER.
11	I HAVE SOME I WOULD LOVE TO SIT WITH
12	JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS. I THINK SHE'S A WONDERFUL
13	INTELLECT. AND LIKE ME, SHE WAS A STATE COURT JUDGE TOO.
14	\$0, SHE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT STATE COURT PROCEDURE.
15	BUT, WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC THAT A
16	CALIFORNIA DEMURRER IS NOT IQBAL AND TWOMLY. IT'S JUST
17	NOT. IT'S DIFFERENT FROM MOTION TO DISMISS.
18	SO YOU KNOW. BUT, THAT MAYBE JUST SAYS
19	THEY HAVE TO BE DECIDED INDIVIDUALLY.
20	BUT, YOU KNOW, THE STANDARDS MIGHT TURN OUT
21	TO BE SORT OF DIFFERENT.
22	SO, I I'LL JUST THROW THAT OUT THERE FOR
23	YOU.
24	AS I SAY, I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE IT WITH
25	HER; BUT I'M NOT REALLY SURE IT MAKES SENSE HERE.
26	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR HONOR, THAT'S SOMETHING ON THE
27	PLAINTIFFS' SIDE IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU WE'D LIKE TO
28	CONSIDER AND DISCUSS.

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22 SO, I'LL LET YOU ALL THINK ABOUT THAT.
23 BUT, THEN YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT, OKAY,
24 ARE YOU GOING TO GET A FEDERAL COURT DECISION BEFORE YOU
25 GET A STATE COURT DECISION SUCH THAT I'LL HAVE TO

26 POTENTIALLY DISTINGUISH A FEDERAL COURT DECISION?

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SO, IT'S OKAY. YOU KNOW, IT'S ALL GOOD.

BUT, I DON'T WANT TO FALL TOO FAR BEHIND

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1	BECAUSE WE SHOULD KEEP OUR DISCOVERY EVERYBODY WANTS
2	THE DISCOVERY TO BE CONSISTENT WITH IN MANY WAYS. RIGHT?
3	SO, I WILL LEAVE IT TO YOU THEN TO THINK
4	ABOUT THE SCHEDULING. ALL RIGHT?
5	BUT, THAT'S THE FORMAT THAT I WOULD LIKE.
6	OKAY. LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EARLY
7	CASE VETTING, WHICH IS RAISED IN BY THE DEFENDANTS AT
8	PAGES 17 TO 18 OF YOUR REPORT.
9	SO, I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS ISSUE. I
0	\$ERVE ON THIS I'M THE ONLY STATE COURT JUDGE ON THE
1	\$TANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RULES.
2	THAT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING WHETHER
3	THERE SHOULD BE SPECIFIC RULES FOR MDL PROCEEDINGS. AND
4	ONE OF THE ISSUES HAS BEEN WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE SOME
5	\$ORT OF RULE IN THE FEDERAL RULES ABOUT EARLY VETTING OF
6	CASES AND SO FORTH. WHICH I'M NOT REVEALING ANYTHING
7	THAT'S NOT IN THE PUBLIC IN THE PUBLIC AGENDAS. BUT,
8	THINK THEY HAVE DETERMINED NOT TO DO THAT ALTHOUGH
9	MAYBE TO SAY THAT THERE SHOULD BE THE FOCUS EARLY ON OF
20	GETTING BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAINTIFFS' CASES.
21	THIS IS REALLY DIFFERENT FROM A
22	PRESCRIPTION DRUG CASE IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, IF YOU
23	THINK ABOUT THE SPECTRUM BETWEEN A MINI PLAINTIFF FACT
24	\$HEET EARLY ALL THE WAY TO SOMETHING LIKE A LONE PINE
25	PRDER THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE A SPECIFIC A SPECIFIC
26	POCTOR OPINION TO A LONE PINE ORDER, WHICH I VIEW AS
27	REQUIRING A DOCTOR'S OPINION. THIS IS REALLY DIFFERENT.
28	WHAT DO YOU ALL HAVE IN MIND?

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1	AND WORK WITH THE PLAINTIFFS HERE, IS AN EARLY FACT SHEET
2	PROCESS THAT GIVES US THEIR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S
3	BEING ALLEGED AND POSSIBLY CONSIDERING OTHER FILING
4	REQUIREMENTS THAT WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF TALKING WITH
5	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL ABOUT IN THE MDL AND ARE GOING TO
6	PRESENT TO JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS.
7	THEY WOULD INCLUDE THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY
8	REQUIREMENT, BUT POTENTIALLY OTHER BASIC DILIGENCE
9	REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH DILIGENCE THAT
10	\$HOULD BE DONE IN BRINGING ANY KIND OF CASE.
11	THE COURT: OKAY. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING EITHER
12	THAT COULD BE DONE, FRANKLY, EARLY ON. THESE COMPLAINTS
13	RE MORE SPECIFIC THAN MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS I SEE. WAY
14	MORE SPECIFIC. MOST OF THEM ARE WAY MORE SPECIFIC THAN
15	THE COMPLAINTS I SEE.
16	SO, OKAY.
17	MR. SCHMIDT: YEAH, THE CONCERN WE HAVE IS WE'RE
18	GOING TO GET A VERY SPECIFIC MASTER COMPLAINT AND
19	THAT'S WHAT WE SEE IN THE MDL WITH ALL KINDS OF
20	LLEGATIONS AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS IN THE MASTER
21	¢OMPLAINT.
22	AT LEAST THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINT WE HAVE
23	RECEIVED SO FAR IN THE MDL IS PRETTY GENERAL WHERE IT'S
24	HARD TO DRILL DOWN ON WHAT ARE THE SERIOUS CLAIMS, WHAT
25	RE THE DOCUMENTED CLAIMS, WHAT ARE THE CLAIMS THAT MIGHT
26	NOT HAVE DOCUMENTATION.
27	AND WE SHARE THE CONCERN WE UNDERSTOOD
28	JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS TO EXPRESS THAT THERE SHOULD BE

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SOME WAY TO MAKE MAKE SURE WE'RE FOCUSING ON THE CASES WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON AND NOT SWEEPING IN A LOT OF OTHER GASES. 3 AND WE WILL CONTINUE CONFERRING WITH THE 4 PLAINTIFFS ABOUT IT. 5 BUT, THAT'S REALLY OUR GOAL, IS TO GIVE THE 6 7 **COURT AND THE PARTIES A WAY TO ADDRESS THAT.** THE COURT: I'M NOT SEEING A NEED HERE FOR 8 ANYTHING EXTRAORDINARY. SO. I'M OPEN TO LISTENING TO 10 YOU. AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT PLAINTIFF FACT SHEETS 11 12 IN A MINUTE. 13 BUT --14 MS. SCHMIDT: THANK YOU --THE COURT: -- I'M NOT SEEING ANYTHING REQUIRING 15 \$OMETHING OTHER THAN, YOU KNOW, PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET 16 PROCESS. 17 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. I READ WHAT YOU SAID. 18 19 ALL I'LL SAY IS THE EARLIER WE HAVE A PRELIMINARY REQUEST. 20 FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF THE BETTER. 21 OKAY. LET'S TALK ABOUT DISCOVERY. 22 SO, ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS IN DISCOVERY PRODUCED BY DEFENDANTS IN THE MDL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO 23 24 THE PLAINTIFFS HERE. HOPEFULLY. AND THE PLAINTIFFS HERE 25 WILL BE PRECLUDED FROM DUPLICATING DISCOVERY THAT'S DONE 26 IN THE MDL. 27 I AM FINE WITH CONTINUING THE DISCOVERY 28 \$TAY UNTIL THE PLEADING CHALLENGES ARE COMPLETED EXCEPT

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1	AS TO WHAT JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS HAS ORDERED.
2	AND I'LL TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF DOCUMENT
3	PRESERVATION SEPARATELY. THAT'S A DIFFERENT DISCUSSION.
4	LOOKING AHEAD, I WOULD EXPECT TO COORDINATE
5	WITH JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS' ORDERS ON DISCOVERY, BUT
6	OBVIOUSLY WELL, NOT OBVIOUSLY.
7	BUT, FROM THE WAY I AM LOOKING AT IT,
8	ISCOVERY INVOLVING THE INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS THAT ARE
9	HERE IS A DIFFERENT ISSUE. AND I MIGHT COORDINATE THERE
0	S WELL. BUT, WE MIGHT ALSO GO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.
1	BUT NOT INCLINED TO LOOK KINDLY ON
2	DUPLICATIVE DISCOVERY FOR WITH RESPECT TO THE
3	DEFENDANTS.
4	SO, THIS IS LOOKING AHEAD AND MAYBE TOO
5	\$00N TO TALK ABOUT IT, BUT YOU TALKED ABOUT IT AND I
6	THINK IT'S GOOD TO GIVE YOU WHAT I THINK SHOULD BE THE
7	PATH FORWARD.
8	SO, THE PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET PROCESS AND
9	THIS DISAGREEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE DEFENDANTS SHOULD
20	FIRST PRODUCE THE INFORMATION THAT THE DEFENDANTS HAVE
21	WITH REGARD TO THE INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS ACTIVITY ONLINE
22	TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU HAVE IT, THIS IS WHERE THE TYNDALL
23	CASE COMES BACK IN.
24	AND WHAT WE DID IN THE TYNDALL CASE WAS
25	THE WOMEN PLAINTIFFS IN THAT CASE OBVIOUSLY HAD MEDICAL
26	RECORDS WITH USC. AND USC THEY WERE ENTITLED TO THOSE
27	MEDICAL RECORDS; RIGHT? AND THAT I'LL JUST SAY THAT
28	ENTITLEMENT, IN A SENSE, WAS STRONGER THAN THE

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1	ENTITLEMENT HERE OF THESE PLAINTIFFS ABOUT THEMSELVES
2	THAT THESE PLAINTIFFS HAVE VIS-A-VIS THESE DEFENDANTS.
3	NEVERTHELESS, BOTH SIDES AGREED, AND IT
4	WORKED OUT EXTREMELY WELL, TO HAVE THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT
5	SHOWED THE DOCTORS' VISITS, ET CETERA, THE MEDICAL
6	RECORDS, PRODUCED TO THE PLAINTIFFS BEFORE THEY ANSWERED
7	THE PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET.
8	AND THE REASON WAS BECAUSE IF YOU THINK OF,
9	YOU KNOW, A COLLEGE STUDENT, AND NOW IT'S A NUMBER OF
0	YEARS LATER, HOW MUCH ARE THEY GOING TO REMEMBER ABOUT,
1	YOU KNOW, HOW MANY VISITS, WAS IT DID YOU GO TO
2	NOTHER DOCTOR; YOU KNOW, WHAT AND HOW MANY HOW
3	MANY MONTHS APART, WHAT DID YOU CONSULT FOR? ALL THOSE
4	HINGS LIKE THAT.
5	AND THE CONCERN WAS THAT IF YOU DO THE
6	PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET PROCESS BASED STRICTLY ON MEMORY,
7	PARTICULARLY AFTER A TIME PERIOD HAS PASSED AND I'M
8	GOING TO SAY HERE PARTICULARLY IF YOU'RE TRYING TO ASK
9	THE MINORS WHO ARE PLAINTIFFS OR DECEDENTS HERE ABOUT
20	WHAT THEY REMEMBER, YOU'RE IT'S GOING TO BE MUCH MORE
21	ØF A GUESS, OF A BLANK SLATE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T RECALL
22	\$PECIFICALLY.
23	YOU CANNOT DEFENDANTS CANNOT AVOID THE
24	FACT THAT AT SOME POINT THE I THINK YOU CAN'T AVOID
25	THE FACT THAT AT SOME POINT THERE ARE RECORDS THAT YOU
26	HAVE ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITY IS GOING TO BE PRODUCED TO
27	THEM. AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THEIR RECOLLECTION IS GOING
28	TO BE REFRESHED.

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1	AND, SO, THEN, THOSE PLAINTIFF IF YOU
2	HAVE GONE FIRST ROUND PLAINTIFF FACT SHEETS BEFORE THOSE
3	OCUMENTS GET TO THEM, THOSE FIRST ROUND PLAINTIFF FACT
4	SHEETS ARE GOING TO BE KIND OF USELESS BECAUSE YOU WON'T
5	GET THEIR BEST TESTIMONY OF WHAT THEY RECALLED AFTER THEY
6	SAW THE DOCUMENTS.
7	AND, SO, YEAH, ALMOST WOULD FOR THE
8	DEFENDANTS TO GET ANYTHING THAT WAS RELIABLE TO TAKE INTO
9	DEPOSITION OR TO SUBSTITUTE FOR A DEPOSITION IF YOU'RE
0	NOT GOING TO DEPOSE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE PLAINTIFFS
1	ΨLTIMATELY, YOU GET YOU GET SOMETHING UNRELIABLE.
2	SO, IT WORKED REALLY WELL IN THE TYNDALL
3	¢ase.
4	I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WOULD BE THAT
5	PROBLEM HERE IN TERMS OF REFRESHED RECOLLECTION IF YOU
6	WILL. AND, SO, I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED.
7	I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY DEFENDANTS WOULD
8	фвјест то тніs.
9	HERE'S WHAT I SUGGEST. I SUGGEST THAT WE
20	PLAN WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS NOW, RIGHT, BECAUSE
21	WE'RE NOT DOING DISCOVERY NOW.
22	BUT, I'D SUGGEST AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT
23	WE PLAN TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A MOTION OR BRIEFING THAT I
24	CAN CONSIDER THIS MATTER IN DEPTH. BECAUSE IT'S AN
25	IMPORTANT ONE. AND THEN I'LL DECIDE.
26	SO, WE WOULD LOOK AHEAD TO MAYBE IT'S
27	PROBABLY A MOTION TO COMPEL FOR THE PLAINTIFFS AND THEN
28	PPOSITION. AND THEN I'LL DECIDE. BUT, I THINK IT'S

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1	I THINK IT'S A VERY INTERESTING QUESTION.
-	IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?
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3	MR. PANISH: YES.
4	MR. SCHMIDT: YES, YOUR HONOR, WE'D BE PAUL
5	SCHMIDT AGAIN FOR META.
6	WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
7	BRIEFING SEEING THE WISDOM OF THAT IN A CASE LIKE YOUR
8	HONOR DESCRIBES.
9	WHAT'S DIFFERENT HERE IS, I THINK, TWO
10	THINGS.
11	ONE, THE BURDEN IS VERY DIFFERENT IN TERMS
12	ΦF THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL.
13	BUT, THE SECOND THING THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT
14	IS BASIC ACCESS.
15	THERE IS SOME AT LEAST FOR NON-DECEDENT
16	PLAINTIFFS, THERE IS SOME LEVEL OF ACCESS THE PLAINTIFFS
17	HAVE TO THIS DATA THAT THEY CAN GET THEMSELVES, INCLUDING
18	TOOLS WE PROVIDE FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS SOME OF
19	THEIR OWN DATA.
20	AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO BRIEF THAT IN TERMS
21	OF ADDRESSING WHAT WOULD BE A APPROPRIATE WAY TO SORT
22	THROUGH THAT.
23	THE COURT: SO, HERE'S WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST THEN.
24	YOU HAD SUGGESTED GOING AHEAD AND STARING
25	THE MEET AND CONFER ABOUT THE FORM OF PLAINTIFF FACT
26	\$HEETS. AND I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. YOU HAVE GOT A LOT
27	TO DO. BUT, I THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO START THAT
28	PROCESS.

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1	AS PART OF THAT SO, THIS WOULD BE ABOUT,
2	YOU KNOW, WHAT THE QUESTIONS ARE GOING TO BE TO THE
3	PLAINTIFFS, WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO RESPOND TO AND WHAT
4	THAT FORMAT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE AND WHAT'S THE SCOPE OF
5	THE MEDICAL RECORDS AND ALL OF THOSE THING. OKAY?
6	AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT
7	THAT, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT PLAINTIFFS PROVIDE TO
8	DEFENDANTS A LIST OF WHAT YOU WOULD WANT TO BE PRODUCED
9	ABOUT THE PLAINTIFFS' ACCOUNTS PRIOR TO THEIR FILLING OUT
0	THE PLAINTIFF FACT SHEETS WITH THE IDEA IN MIND THAT IN A
1	\$ENSE MAYBE THE MORE NARROW YOU MAKE THAT REQUEST,
2	KNOWING THAT THIS ISN'T THE LAST REQUEST YOU CAN MAKE FOR
3	INFORMATION, MAYBE YOU MAKE THAT A LITTLE NARROWER AT THE
4	FIRST BITE AND IT BECOMES A LITTLE MORE REASONABLE.
5	I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST SAYING.
6	BUT, I THINK START THAT DOESN'T REALLY
7	BECOME A DISCUSSION BECAUSE DEFENDANTS AREN'T GOING TO
8	GREE TO PRODUCE ANYTHING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MOTION
9	BOUT THAT.
20	BUT, WHEN I HEAR A MOTION, I'M GOING TO
21	WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO HAVE PRODUCED, AND YOU
22	MIGHT SHARE A DISCUSSION WITH THAT. OKAY?
23	SO, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN
24	MY COURT BEFORE OR IN THE COMPLEX COURTS BEFORE, WE DO
25	NOT HAVE SPECIAL MASTERS. SINCE THE YEAR 2000 WE HAVE
26	MADE IT A POLICY NOT TO HAVE SPECIAL MASTERS.
27	I MEAN, I HAD ONE ONCE ON A ON A
28	PRIVILEGE ISSUE THAT JUST REQUIRED A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK.

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A LOT OF MASS LITIGATION. AND A LOT OF THEM WE HAVE KIND

LOT; BUT, THIS IS MY GOING-IN THINKING ABOUT THIS CASE.

AND -- BECAUSE I HAVE -- I HAVE DEALT WITH

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24 UCL CLAIMS AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. AND THOSE ARE TRIED TO

25 THE COURT. SO, FOOTNOTE.

26 OKAY, LET'S TALK ABOUT PRESERVATION OF

27 ÉVIDENCE A MINUTE.

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SO, I DEFINITELY AGREE THAT THAT ISSUE

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1	OUGHT TO BE DEALT WITH IN TANDEM WITH THE MDL.
2	I ALSO WOULD SAY, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, THAT
3	I AGREE THAT IT MAKES VERY GOOD SENSE FOR EACH PLAINTIFF
4	TO PRODUCE A WHAT YOU'RE CALLING A PROFILE FORM AS
5	EARLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THAT PUTS THE DEFENDANTS ON
6	OTICE AS TO WHOSE RECORDS ARE RELEVANT, TO THE EXTENT
7	YOU ARE ABLE, AND OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE AS TO
8	RELEVANT ACCOUNTS THAT YOU CAN IDENTIFY.
9	SO, THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO ME.
0	I AM HAPPY TO HELP. BUT, IF YOU'RE MOVING
1	LONG ON THAT IN THE FEDERAL CASE AND IMPORT THAT HERE,
2	JUST KEEP ME APPRISED OBVIOUSLY.
3	AND I DO THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS
4	O BE HANDLED VERY EARLY IN THE LITIGATION.
5	SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A
6	PROTECTIVE ORDER IN PLACE BEFORE THE PLAINTIFFS ARE
7	PROVIDING THESE PROFILE FORMS.
8	SO, THAT SUGGESTS THAT AS WE'RE DOING THE
9	CRITICAL PATH TO THIS GET THAT PROTECTIVE ORDER DONE
20	BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THERE IS SOME OTHER THINGS THAT BEAR
21	ΨPON IT.
22	I WAS NEW TO ME WAS THE DEFENDANTS'
23	MENTION OF THIS 18 USC 22568 AND CHILD SEX ABUSE MATERIAL
24	ND THE POTENTIAL NEED AFTER IDENTIFYING THE MATERIAL TO
25	DESTROY IT WITHIN A PARTICULAR TIME.
26	I I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PLAINTIFFS
27	BRING A MOTION FOR AN ORDER FROM THIS COURT THAT SAYS IF
28	MATERIAL IS RELEVANT TO LITIGATION YOU DON'T DESTROY IT.

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1	THAT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN ISSUE
2	LIKE THAT. YOU HAVE STATUTES STATE STATUTES, FEDERAL
3	STATUTES THAT SEEM TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, MATERIAL HAS
4	TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND CAN NEVER BE LET OUT AND SO
5	FORTH AND SO ON. AND THEN WHEN YOU FIND OUT THAT IT'S
6	RELEVANT TO LITIGATION AND HAS TO BE PRODUCED TO THE
7	THER SIDE, YOU GOT TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO THAT. RIGHT?
8	SO, THIS SEEMS TO ME TO FALL IN THE SAME
9	ONSENTUAL CATEGORY.
10	IF I WERE DEFENDANTS, I'D WANT AN ORDER.
11	SO, PLAINTIFFS, BRING A MOTION.
12	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR HONOR, JOSEPH VANZANDT FOR THE
13	PLAINTIFFS.
14	I CERTAINLY DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF A C-SAM
15	EXPERT; I KNOW WE HAVE SOME ON OUR TEAM THAT ARE. AND I
16	THINK OTHERS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS IN TERMS
17	OF WHAT THOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING
18	WE'D LIKE TO MEET AND CONFER ON, CERTAINLY WOULD INTEND
19	TO SUBMIT AN ORDER TO THE COURT ON THAT.
20	THE COURT: OKAY.
21	WELL, BUT I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE A I
22	THINK IT OUGHT TO BE A MOTION.
23	WELL, IF DEFENDANTS ARE GOOD WITH A
24	\$TIPULATED ORDER, THAT'S ABSOLUTELY GOOD WITH ME.
25	MR. VANZANDT: OR MOTION. I'M SORRY IF I SAID
26	ΦRDER
27	THE COURT: NO. BUT, IF DEFENDANTS FEEL LIKE YOU
28	NEED TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE YOU'RE ORDERED TO DO

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24 I AM A JUDGE. OUR RULES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT 25 \$TRONGLY DISCOURAGE JUDGES FROM HAVING SOCIAL MEDIA. AND

26 I|HAVE NONE, ZERO, ZILCH. I HAVE MAYBE TWO TIMES SEEN A

₱ACEBOOK PAGE. OKAY? 27

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WHY DON'T I KNOW FROM MY CHILDREN?

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m VOUR}$ ALGORITHMS WORK, THIS IS TO SAY WHAT'S THE USER **EXPERIENCE.** 17 18 MAYBE YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING MORE THAN 19 THAT. BUT AT LEAST THAT. 20 I DON'T KNOW HOW HARD THAT WILL BE TO DO. 21 YOU CAN KEEP SHOWING ME SCREENSHOTS AND I CAN READ. 22 THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM. 23 BUT, I'LL JUST SUGGEST THAT. 24 COURT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE. 25 FIRST OF ALL, JUDGE -- I THINK JUDGE 26 GONZALES ROGERS PUT --27 YES, GO AHEAD. 28 MR. KIESEL: YOUR HONOR, PAUL KIESEL.

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WE MET IN ADVANCE OF OUR HEARING TODAY, AND
AM PLEASED TO TELL YOU WE HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON
LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT THE
COURT HAS BEFORE IT. WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT AN ORDER TO
THE COURT, HOPEFULLY IMPLEMENT THAT -- HOPEFULLY WITHIN

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- 20 COMPETITION WHERE -- WHICH I KNOW THEY FEEL VERY STRONGLY
- 21 ABOUT IN FEDERAL COURT ABOUT HAVING COMPETITION FOR
- 22 PICKING WHO'S GOING TO BE THE LEAD AND ALL OF THAT. I
- 23 WOULD ONLY EVER DO THAT IF I GOT TO A PLACE WHERE I
- 24 ¢OULDN'T MANAGE THE CASE BECAUSE THE LAWYERS WERE
- 25 BURDENING THE COURT WITH DUPLICATIVE WORK.
- 26 SO, THAT'S WHERE MY HEAD IS AT ON THIS.
- 27 AND I HAVE SAID THAT. AND, ACTUALLY, I
- 28 WAS -- I WON'T SAY WHERE I WAS.

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1 BUT, I HAVE SAID THIS IN FRONT OF MULTIPLE 2 MDL JUDGES, OKAY. AND I KNOW THEY DON'T AGREE, BUT, I FIEEL STRONGLY ABOUT IT. 3 OKAY. LET ME SEE. 4 OKAY. NOW WE'RE DOWN TO NUTS AND BOLTS. 5 **GUARDIAN AD LITEMS.** 6 7 JUST FILE THE USUAL GUARDIAN AD LITEMS, I THINK, AND I'LL PROCESS THEM. 8 9 MR. CREED: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS JESSE CREED. FOR THE GUARDIAN AD LITEMS, WE FILE THEM 10 AND YOU PROCESS THEM. ARE THEY GOING TO GO DIRECTLY TO 11 12 YOUR COURTROOM, WHICH WOULD BE IDEAL BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I 13 KNOW THE -- THE COMPETENCE OF YOUR STAFF AND SUCH. 14 OR ARE THEY GOING TO BE HANDLED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE? THERE'S A BACKLOG IN THE CLERK'S 15 ΦFFICE. 16 THE COURT: I HAVE TO RULE ON THEM. 17 I'M ASKING MISS MIRO. 18 19 20 (DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE COURT AND CLERICAL 21 ASSISTANT.) 22 23 THE COURT: WELL, EVERYTHING HAS TO BE E FILED. 24 AND IT GOES THROUGH YOUR EFUS OR WHATEVER THE NAME IS FOR 25 IT AND SO FORTH. BUT, I HAVEN'T HAD TROUBLE GETTING GAL'S 26 INTO MY WORK QUEUE. I HAVE HAD TROUBLE GETTING THEM OUT 27 28 OF MY WORK QUEUE SOMETIMES IF THERE ARE HUNDREDS AND THEN SOCIAL MEDIA CASES
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1	THE WORK CUE GOES LIKE THIS.
2	MR. CREED: WELL, THE CHALLENGE, YOUR HONOR, IS
3	THE CASES, WHEN THEY ARE NEWLY FILED, AREN'T COORDINATED
4	T THAT POINT SO THEY END UP IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND WE
5	THEN FILE A PETITION FOR COORDINATION. AND THE CLERK
6	WON'T ISSUE A SUMMONS UNTIL THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM
7	PETITION IS
8	THE COURT: UNTIL THE G.A.L. IS SIGNED.
9	AND I HAVE ONE OR TWO SHOW UP THAT WAY.
10	SO BUT WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND I'LL
11	TELL YOU WHAT, MR. CREED. WHY DON'T YOU CALL MISS MIRO
12	ND I'LL GET INVOLVED AND SHE'LL CONVEY TO ME AND WE WILL
13	\$EE WHAT WE CAN WORK OUT. BECAUSE MANY OF THE CASES I
14	HAVE HAD HAVE HAD PLEADINGS THAT REFER TO A GUARDIAN AD
15	LITEM BUT HAVEN'T HAD BUT DON'T HAVE THE GUARDIAN AD
16	LITEM APPROVED BEFORE THEY'RE FILED. AND THEY'RE FILED
17	JUST FINE.
18	BUT, RECENTLY WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE GET
19	BOUNCED BECAUSE THE G.A.L. WASN'T APPROVED BEFORE FILING.
20	SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT'S HAPPENING.
21	MR. CREED: WELL, IT YEAH. I CAN CALL MISS
22	MIRO, I CAN WORK WITH HER TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAY TO
23	PROCESS THEM. BUT THE IDEA
24	GO AHEAD, YOUR HONOR.
25	THE COURT: MAYBE IF YOU DON'T USE THE WORD
26	"GUARDIAN AD LITEM" IN THE CAPTION AND INSTEAD SAY "ON
27	BEHALF OF MINOR SO AND SO."
28	I DON'T KNOW.

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22 **\$CHEDULING THEM?**

23 THE COURT: WELL, I'D LIKE TO GET -- PROBABLY

24 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH. IN GENERAL. YEAH.

25 MR. PANISH: WELL, I WOULD SAY THAT WE'RE MORE

26 ΦPEN.

27 BUT, THE PEOPLE THAT ARE TRAVELING -- I'M

28 **\$URE DEFENSE WOULD HAVE PEOPLE TRAVELING -- FRIDAY AND** SOCIAL MEDIA CASES JCCP5255, 02/17/2023 CERTIFIED COPY Page 51

1 N	ONDAY MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST DAYS.
2	SO, MAYBE WEDNESDAY.
3	WE GOING TO DO THEM ALL AT 1:45?
4	THE COURT: YES. 1:45.
5	MR. PANISH: IF THIS WAS AGREEABLE WITH THEM, THE
6 [EFENDANTS, WE COULD SAY WEDNESDAY AT 1:45.
7	THE COURT: OKAY. WE'LL TRY TO DO IT AT
8 \	VEDNESDAYS.
9	BUT, I'LL NOTE TO AVOID MONDAYS AND
10	FRIDAYS. I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER THEY WANTED TO COME AND
11	STAY OVER THE WEEKEND.
12	NOT THAT. OKAY. THAT'S FINE. THAT'S
13	FINE.
14	SO, WHAT'S THE NOW WE NEED TO SET A NEXT
15	PATE.
16	WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACTUALLY IS
17	RATHER IS THAN TRYING TO PUT ALL OF THIS IN MINUTE ORDER,
18	WHICH I COULD DRAFT UP AND MAYBE I SHOULD DRAFT UP.
19	YOU TELL ME IF YOU'D PREFER YOU KNOW, I PROBABLY OUGHT
20	O JUST DO THAT, JUST DRAFT UP A MINUTE ORDER AND IT WILL
21	HAVE EVERYTHING.
22	BUT, I DO NEED YOU TO CONFER, PARTICULARLY
23	BOUT THE TIMING OF THE PROGRESSION OF MASTER COMPLAINTS
24	ND I STILL CALL THEM JOINDERS THE INDIVIDUAL
25	COMPLAINTS AND THE MOTIONS AND THE HEARING, ET CETERA,
26	LEADING UP TO THE DEMURRER. BRIEFING, ET CETERA. SO,
27	YOU ALL NEED TO CONFER ON THAT.
28	AND I I'D LIKE TO GET THAT FROM YOU

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1	Р	RETTY QUICKLY SO WE CAN
2		MR. PANISH: SUBMIT A PROPOSED JOINT ORDER?
3		THE COURT: THAT WOULD BE FINE. ON THE TIMING.
4		AND IF YOU CAN'T AGREE, JUST GIVE ME YOUR
5	Α	LTERNATIVES AND TELL ME WHETHER YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE PHONE
6	d	ONVERSATION ABOUT IT AND WE CAN SET THAT UP.
7		ALL RIGHT. SO, I WILL PUT WHAT WE
8	D	ETERMINED IN A MINUTE ORDER WHICH I WILL DRAFT. IF
9	Т	HERE IS ANYTHING WRONG IN IT, CONFER AND DO A POSTING ON
10	1	THE MESSAGE BOARD AND LET ME KNOW.
11		OUR THINGS DON'T LOOK AS PRETTY AS FEDERAL.
12	ı	M SORRY. BUT, I HAVE ONE CLERK. THAT'S IT. PLUS YOU
13	A	ALL.
14		SO, I'LL DO THAT.
15		AND IF IF PLAINTIFFS' LIAISON COUNSEL
16	١	VILL GIVE NOTICE BY GETTING A COPY OF THE MINUTE ORDER,
17	١	VHICH DOES NOT GO INTO CASEANYWHERE, YOU GOT TO GET IT
18	(OUT OF THE DOCKET, GET IT OUT OF THE DOCKET AND THEN
19	,	SERVE IT. OKAY.
20		AND THEN YOU'LL FILE PROPOSED SCHEDULE BY
21	١	VHEN? SCHEDULE ON
22		MR. PANISH: THIS IS ON THE DEMURRER PROCESS?
23		THE COURT: ON THE MASTER COMPLAINT LEADING UP TO
24	7	THE DEMURRER.
25		NEXT FRIDAY. OR IS THAT TOO SOON?
26		MR. KIESEL: MAYBE THE 10TH, YOUR HONOR, SO WE
27	H	HAVE TWO WEEKS TO GET IT DONE.
28		THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. MARCH 10. I'LL PUT

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THAT IN THE MINUTE ORDER.
2
         SO, OUR NEXT STATUS CONFERENCE THEN --
3
         DO YOU KNOW WHEN JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS IS
4
  HAVING ONE?
      MS. HAZAM: YES, YOUR HONOR. MARCH 3. FRIDAY,
5
  MARCH 3.
6
      THE COURT: WELL, ONE MONTH WOULD BE ABOUT
7
8
  MARCH -- MARCH 22, 1:45.
9
         AND, THEN, PLEASE FILE A JOINT REPORT BY --
10
          CAN YOU DO IT BY THE 17TH?
      MR. KIESEL: SURE.
11
12
      THE COURT: GIVES ME OVER THE WEEKEND TO LOOK AT
13
   順.
14
      MR. SCHMIDT: YES, YOUR HONOR.
15
      THE COURT: IF YOU RUN INTO PROBLEMS, DO A
16
   POSTING. AND I WILL LOOK FOR IT MIDDAY ON THE 20TH, BUT
17
    RY FOR THE 17TH. OKAY?
18
          ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU ALL. HAVE A VERY
19
   GOOD WEEKEND.
20
          (ENDING TIME: 3:15 P.M.)
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